

copies thereof shall be retained by the vestry, delivered to the priest and filed with the ecclesiastical authority as is required with respect to the original contract.

Until a copy of the original contract, duly executed by both parties, is filed with the ecclesiastical authority, no license to the priest to officiate in the parish shall issue.

The vestry shall also have power, by and with the consent of the rector, to appoint one or more assistant ministers on like terms, conditions and provisions.

(f) Notice of vacancy in parish rectorship.

The vestry, or if it fail to do so, the churchwardens, or one of them, shall notify the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese of a vacancy in the parish rectorship forthwith.

(g) Other powers and duties.

The vestry shall have such other powers and duties, not herein specifically set forth, as may be lawfully implied to give full force and effect to the aims and objects for which it was declared to be a body corporate as well as such other duties as may be required by any general or diocesan canonical mandate.

(h) Personal liability of vestrymen.

No member of a vestry shall be personally liable for a debt, contract or other obligation of the parish unless he shall in writing assume personal liability therefor.

305. Powers, duties and obligations of rector.

(a) Possession of property of parish.

The rector shall be entitled to the use and control of the church and parish buildings with the appurtenances and furniture thereof for the purpose of his office and the full and free discharge of the functions and duties pertaining thereto, and, unless he otherwise contract with the vestry, he shall have the possession and the right to occupy and freely use the rectory and grounds thereof, and the furniture and books therein, if any, and all glebes and other property belonging to the parish, and he shall be entitled to the benefits thereof during the time he shall officiate in the parish as rector.

(b) Care in use of property.

In his use of the property of the parish the rector shall exercise the same care that an ordinarily prudent person would exercise in the care of his own property.

(c) Entry of vital statistics in register.